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CONTACT REPORT

[ ] with UTILITY, @Holm I  
18 May 1966  
House 37, CATIDE Compound

1. The reason for this meeting was the general topic of SIGINT affairs. Before we went into that meeting, however, @Holm, who appeared to greet the Chief of Station, [ ] and me, said that UTILITY would like to speak to [ ] and me privately before the meeting began on a "couple of political matters."

2. With very few preliminaries UTILITY launched into something of a repeat performance of what I had reported in EGO-142. He did not mention point A of that discussion, namely, the concern about France, but he went somewhat more into detail about his concerns about German society. He contends that the society is softening, especially towards the East. He showed us a press release from the Humanistische Union of Geiseltalstr. 116, 8 Munich 90 (just down the street a bit from some staff housing). He read off some of the members of the committee of this union and described them in effect as a rather mixed bag of do-gooders and dupes, as I interpreted his comments. He thinks that the Humanistic Union is only an example of some of the organizations which are undermining German society with their willingness to deal with the East. He had received the press handout that he showed us from his student son-in-law, who is at the University of Munich. The press handout, he said, gave an entirely wrong impression about an aspect of the Emergency Powers Law being proposed.

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3. He then went on to mention some articles by Hans Reiser, one of them called "Herr Gehlen ans Telefon." We had already reported this via EGMT-13840. I had not, however, seen another article by Reiser called "Vor Super Ministern wird gewarnt," also from the Süddeutsche Zeitung, 6th of May. The Herr Gehlen one was on the 11th. Apparently, both of these articles were put out in the absence of editor Birnbaum. They had been able to spike a third one. UTILITY said with something of a sly smile that although CATIDE didn't concern themselves with internal affairs when it came to such matters, they did, i.e., self-protection.

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4. Minister Heinrich Krone came in for some discussion in connection with the Reiser article of the Sueddeutsche Zeitung about super ministries. What UTILITY and Holm had to say about this and about Westrick is being forwarded to Headquarters and other addressees in EGMA-68578. As the meeting broke up, UTILITY invited [ ] and wife and (as [ ] interpreted it, although I did not hear the exchange) [ ] and wife, to be his guests as tea on the 23d of June.

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